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BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

The Land of Sunshine continues its good work in publishing important documents selected from the sources of Southwestern history. The June and July numbers (Vol. XIV, No. 6, and Vol. XV, No. 1) contain a translation of the Diario of Alferez Don Miguel Costansó, which is an account of the joint land and sea expedition made to California in 1769 and 1770 under the direction of Señor Don Joseph de Galvez. Costansó was an engineer and was cosmographer for the expedition, and thus writes from the non-ecclesiastical standpoint. On page 478 of the June number is printed a fac-simile of the title page of the Diario.

The leading article in the July Publications of the Southern History Association is a very excellent sketch of President William L. Wilson, who will perhaps be better remembered as Postmaster General under President Cleveland. In its preparation the writer has drawn extensively on President Wilson's private diary, so that the paper partakes largely of the nature of an autobiography. Another article that will interest especially Southern readers is Mrs. M. E. Robertson's account of President Davis's Last Official Meeting, at which were present such of his officers and members of his Cabinet as were with him in Georgia just previous to his capture.

In the September *Publications* Prof. Ficklen, of Tulane University, has a paper entitled *Was Texas Included in the Louisiana Purchase?* A more extended review of it will be given in the January Quarterly, when the writer's reasons for maintaining the negative against Prof. Henry Adams will be critically examined.

The only other article in this issue is by Miles White, Jr., on *Henry Baker and Some of His Descendants*. Baker was one of the ancestors of Johns Hopkins.

The July number of the American Historical Review is an unusually large one, containing 250 pages plus an index to Volume VI, of which this is the last number. Of the leading articles two relate to European history. The Republic of San Marino, by William Miller, is a brief sketch of the history of the only survivor of the

mediæval Italian republics. The Risings in the English Monastic Towns in 1327, by Norman M. Trenholme, is a study of the struggles of the mediæval monastic towns to obtain franchises from their lords, the monks. Two leading papers are on American history. H. P. Biggar contributes The French Hakluyt; Marc Lescarbot of Vervins, in which he describes and critically discusses the writings of Lescarbot, whom he calls "the first historian of New France." The Transition from Dutch to English Rule in New York, by Albert E. McKinley, is a study in institutional history. Three sets of documents are printed, namely: Letters of Dr. Thomas Cooper, 1825-1832; Letters on the Nullification Movement in South Carolina, 1830-1834, I; and A Ministerial Crisis in France, 1876. Professor Albert Bushnell Hart contributes A Trial Bibliography of American Diplomacy, that will no doubt prove very useful to students.

The Proceedings of the Texas Veterans' Association at the Twenty-eighth Annual Reunion, and The Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas have been received. The meetings named were held contemporaneously which is the custom of the two organizations—in Austin, April 20-22, 1901. The Proceedings of the Veterans contains reports of the addresses of welcome made by Mayor White, President Prather, and Mr. J. W. Dibrell; the response for the Veterans by ex-Governor Lubbock, and that for the Daughters by Mrs. Nellie Steadman Cox; and the memorial sermon by Rev. C. P. Goodson. The total membership of the Association is given at ninety-four, thirty-nine being men, and fifty-five women. The death roll for the year previous amounts to eighteen. The Proceedings of the Daughters contains the response by Mrs. Nellie Steadman Cox already mentioned; the address of Mrs. Urwitz as presiding officer; the reports of the secretary, the assistant secretary, and the treasurer; the minutes of the executive committee; the historian's report; the report of the presentation of a Texas flag to the State University by the Daughters, including, among other things, the address of presentation by Senator J. A. Beall, and that of acceptance by Chairman T. S. Henderson of the Board of Regents; the letter of President Prather offering a prize of one hundred dollars for the best historic song or poem on The Texas Flag; the reports of the various chapters; the address of Mr. Carlos Bee to the Daughters on April 22nd; and an appendix, in which are printed an announcement of the offer of President Prather, the memorial address of Mrs. Cone Johnson delivered for the Daughters, a poem, San Jacinto Day, by Mrs. Mary Saunders, a historical sketch entitled The Last Messenger from the Alamo, and a copy of a letter relative to the son of Travis published in the Houston Post, both by Mrs. Looscan, an account of the presentation of a Texas flag to President McKinley by the Daughters, a "roll of honor," including the names of those who have taken the gold and silver medals offered by the Daughters, the charter, constitution, and by-laws of the organization, and a list of members.